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S E C R E T AMMAN 5167

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SUBJECT: FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL BIN SHAKER

REF: AMMAN 5166

1. FOLLOWING DRAFTING REFTEL AMBASSADOR WAS IN TOUCH
WITH GENERAL BIN SHAKER.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED COBRA-TOW LETTER OF OFFER
NOT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR PRESSING POLITICAL
REASONS. INDICATED LOA WOULD BE SUBMITTED WHEN
CONGRESS RECONVENED. BIN SHAKER URGED TO DISCUSS
ANY PROBLEMS HE MIGHT HAVE IN PRIVATE SIDE CONVER-
SATIONS IN WASHINGTON. BIN SHAKER UNDERSTANDS
DELAY MINIMAL. IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY RAISE QUESTION
WITH ATHERTON OR MCAULIFFE. SUGGEST SOME EXPLANATION
BE PROVIDED IF REQUIRED.

3. BIN SHAKER SAYS FMS CASH DEBTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED
TO APPROXIMARLY DOLS 6-7 MILLION FROM ABOUT DOLS
19 MILLION. ALSO SAID FMS CREDIT DEBTS HAVE BEEN
LIQUIDATED. HE AGREED TO HAVE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF
STAFF FOR OPERATIONS MAJALLI DISCUSS QUESTION WITH
DATT STAFF ON OCTOBER 7 TO PROVIDE FULL CLARIFICATION.

4. BIN SHAKER SAYS THERE IS SLIGHT POSSIBILITY HE MAY
NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO WASHINGTON. IF THERE IS ARAB
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SUMMIT MEETING DURING TIME OF JMC HE WILL HAVE TO

ACCOMPANY KING TO OVERSEE KING'S PERSONAL SECURITY AND
TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER ARAB STATES
OF ADDITIONAL FINANCES FOR JORDAN. HE DOES NOT SEE
THIS NOW AS A REAL OR SIGNIFICANT POSSIBILITY, BUT
WANTED US TO KNOW OF THE OUTSIDE CHANCE.

5. IF HE DOES NOT ATTEND, MAJOR GENERAL MAJALLI
WOULD COME IN HIS PLACE.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DOD/ISA/SPECAT
EXCLUSIVE FOR ASST SEC MCAULIFFE AND
DSAA FOR LT GEN FISH.
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